

## MASTER MAKES A PERILOUS TRIP

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NORFOLK, Feb. 13.—After a journey fraught with peril and hardship, the Rev. J. W. Briscoe, pastor of the Methodist Church at Holland's Island, Md., reached the bedside of his wife in Norfolk Saturday night. In a blinding snow-storm the minister walked across an arm of the frozen Chesapeake Bay, a distance of six miles, continued his journey ten miles on the mainland afoot, made his way across another wide stretch in a rowboat that threatened every minute to break to pieces in the heavy ice floes, then drove twenty-four miles across country to Cambridge, Md., where he caught a railroad train for Norfolk.

Holland's Island, the home of the Briscoes, has been completely cut off from the rest of the world since January 17th. No boats have been able to get through the ice to that town, and there has been no telegraphic communication possible to any place, consequently the pastor had no means of knowing the condition of his sick wife in Norfolk. He found her almost well.

### NEGRO TO BE TRIED

Willie Wilson, the colored boy arrested here three weeks ago upon the charge of killing C. C. Powers, a white youth in Moyock, N. C., last August, has been carried back to Carolina for trial. Sheriff Barker of Carrollton, Ark., took him on a requisition paper. This is the case in which the parents of the accused boy declare that the killing of young Powers was an accident, and occurred while the two boys were gunning together. Wilson remained in Moyock from August to October without action, and then, in October, he came to Norfolk with his parents and the local authorities were requested to apprehend him, which they did.

The body of Cody Young Savage was sent to Suffolk for burial to-day. He died yesterday after a long illness. He was thirty-six years of age. He leaves a widow.

### PRAIRIE'S DESTINATION

Orders for the United States training ship Prairie, which arrived at the navy yard yesterday from Port Royal, S. C., have been changed. After docking for repairs, she will go to Washington, where the several hundred naval apprentices she has aboard will be put to sea in the inaugural parade on March 4th.

The seventy-six cases of diphtheria, which the Prairie had aboard, were all left in the Naval Hospital at Port Royal, S. C., and she has a clean bill of health. Vincent Phelps, a young man of Portsmouth, was arrested at the morning on a bench warrant issued by Judge James F. Crocker, in the Court of Hustings.

Vincent, together with Thomas L. Savage and Joseph Linwood Sykes, were indicted by the last grand jury in the Court of Hustings on complaints of their wives who allege that their husbands have left them and that they fail to support them.

The congregation of the Fourth Baptist Church, of Portsmouth, has called the Rev. C. J. D. Parker, of Durham, N. C., to be pastor of the church, in place of Rev. A. J. Briscoe, resigned to come to the Park Avenue Baptist Church, Norfolk. He has intimated that he will accept.

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